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(CVT) TRAN QUOC BUU IS ENCOURAGED BY ASSURANCE FROM THE MINISTER

OF LABOR THAT HIS OFFER TO HELP WILL BE ACCEPTED, DESPITE THE

REBUFFS HE RECEIVED EARLIER. HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE VICE

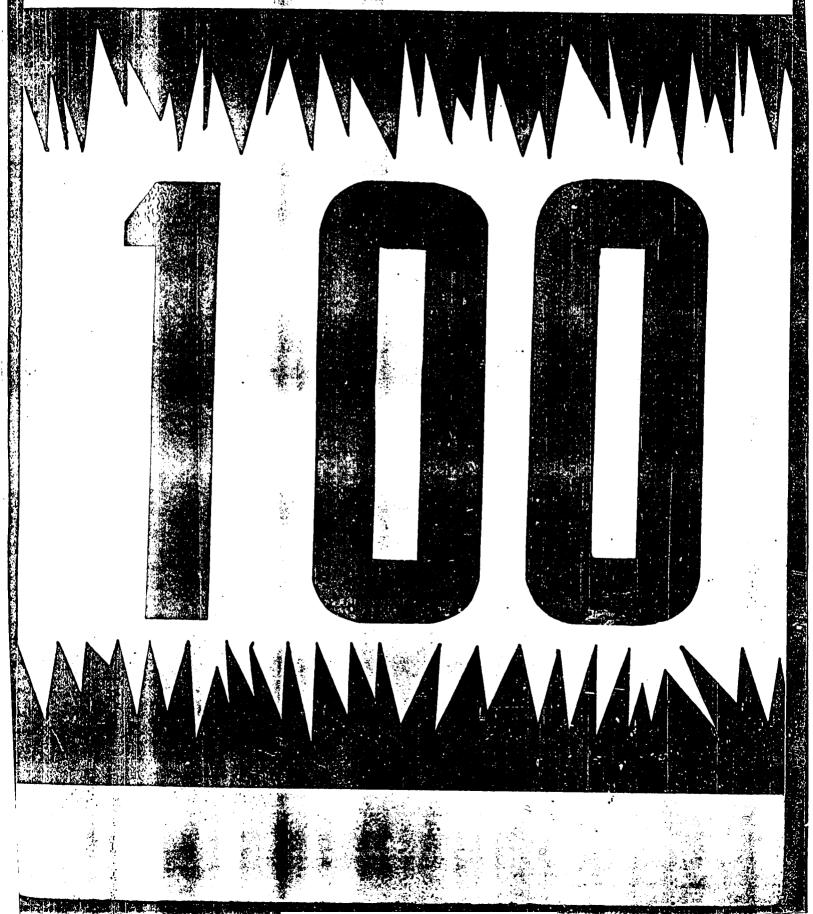
PRESIDENT KY ON 7 FEBRUARY. BUU IS ALSO ENCOURAGED BY REPORTS

THAT THE COMMON PEOPLE ARE SHAKING OFF THEIR APATHY AND REALIZING

THEY TOO MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHT. ACCORDING TO BUU, LUONG

TRONG TUONG, HEAD OF THE HOA HAO CHURCH, HAS ACCEPTED HIS ADVICE

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THAT Hr. BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO ALL HOA HAO TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT. END SUPPARY.

1. TRAN QUOC BUU, PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CVT), HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AN APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN CAO KY ON 7 FEBRUARY. BUU
PLANS TO OFFER KY THE COOPERATION OF THE CVT AND ALL ITS
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- 2. ALTHOUGH BUU'S INITIAL OFFERS OF AID MADE TO THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR, LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE WERE REBUFFED, HE IS ENCOURAGED BY SIGNS THAT THE ATTITUDE OF SOME MINISTERS IS BEGINNING TO CHANGE. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 FEBRUARY, BUU RECEIVE. A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE MINISTER OF LABOR, WHO SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERS AND PERSUADED THEM THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACCEPT BUU'S OFFER TO HELP. THE LABOR MINISTER TOLD BUU NOT OT LOSE COURAGE AND ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS RECOMMENDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPT THE HELP AND COOPERATION OF ALL PRIVATE CITIZENS.
- 3. IN DISCUSSING THE SITUATION WITH A COLLEAGUE ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 FEBRUARY, BUU STATE WITH SOME EXCITEMENT THAT REPORTS FROM HIS CADRES INDICATED THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE MOST STETCHREET NO FOREIGN DISSEM

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POPULATED AREAS OF SAIGON ARE BEGINNING NOT ONLY TO BLAME THE VIET COURSE (VC) FOR THE RECENT BLOODSHED BUT ARE COMING FORWARD TO DENO NCE TO THE POLICE CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL VC. BUU FEELS THIS COULD BE THE FIRST POSITIVE INDICATION THAT THE POPULACE IS ABANDONING IS APATHETIC NUETRALITY AND REALIZING THAT IT TOO MUST BECOME STIVE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. HE ADDED THAT SO TO OF HIS MORE CAUTIOUS CADRES WERE ALSO ABANDONING THEIR NEUTRALIST STAND.

OFFICER WHO AD JUST ARRIVED FROM CHAU DOC PROVINCE BY PLANE HAD TO: HIM THE HOA HAO IN THAT PROVINCE WERE FIGHTING THE VC WITH "KNI ES AND CLUBS." HE TOLD BUU HE HAD ASKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR WEAPONS SO THAT THEY COULD FIGHT MORE EFFECTIVELY. BUU SAID THAT UPON HEARING THIS HE HAD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED LONG TRONG TUONG, HEAD OF THE HOA HAO CHURCH, AND URGED HI TO MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT OVER VIETNAMESE TELEVISION DENOUNCING THE VC AND URGING HIS PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO BUU, TUONG'S REACTION WAS POSITIVE AND DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON HE WENT TO THE STATION TO BEGIN RECORDING THE BROADCAST.

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